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TAGS: PORG, EWWT, OMCO, LI

SUBJECT: LIBERIA'S CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO THE IMCO COUNCIL

REF: STATE 195577

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH A/DCM (E/C COUNSELOR), GERALD COOPER, COMMISSIONER OF MARITIME AFFAIRS, AVERRED THAT THE "NIGERIAN FORMULA" DOES NOT PROVIDE AN "OUT" BECAUSE IT CANNOT BE APPLIED IN NOVEMBER TO ASSURE A COUNCIL SEAT FOR LIBERIA. COOPER SAID ARTICLE 18 OF IMCO CONVENTION REQUIRES THAT ANY AMENDMENT SUCH AS FOR ESTABLISHING A NEW CRITERIA FOR COUNCIL SEAT WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY TWO-THIRDS OF MEMBERSHIP. SUCH AN AMENDMENT WOULD GO INTO EFFECT ONE YEAR AFTER LAST COUNTRY HAD RATIFIED AMENDMENT.

2. COOPER THOUGHT THE ONLY OTHER WAY WOULD BE A GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT AMONG THE MEMBERS TO VOTE FOR A CATEGORY C SEAT

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FOR LIBERIA BY INFORMALLY ACCEPTING THE NIGERIAN FORMULA. COOPER WAS, HOWEVER, DOUBTFUL WHETHER SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT COULD BE MADE AT THIS LATE DATE. MOREOVER, COOPER SAID HE GOT IMPRESSION THAT WHEN FORMULA WAS INITIALLY PRESENTED AT AN AD HOC SESSION OF IMCO CORKING GROUP IN FEBRUARY 1977, IT WAS NOT WELL RECEIVED.

3. WHILE COOPER ADMITTED THAT HE WOULD BE PURSUING THIS  
MATTER FURTHER WITH THE NIGERIANS, HE WAS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT  
POSSIBILITY OF GOL CHANGING ITS PRESENT ATTITUDE TOWARD  
SEEKING COUNCIL SEAT UNDER CATEGORY A.  
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